

FISCAL NOTE

SB 759 - HB 1639

February 27, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs the State Board of Education and the Department of Education to review the use of the National Teacher Examination (NTE) as a requirement for teacher licensing. The State Board and the department are to report to the House and Senate Education Committees by February 15, 2004, regarding the effectiveness of teacher proficiency tests and whether TCA 49-5-5605 should be amended or repealed.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

According to the State Board of Education, the review of the Praxis exams (formerly called NTE) is an ongoing practice with tests being reviewed on five-year cycles. Assumes the State Board will continue to review the exams in order for teachers to demonstrate subject-matter competency as required by *No Child Left Behind*.

Assumes the preparation and distribution of a report to the Education Committees can be handled within existing resources of the State Board and the department.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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